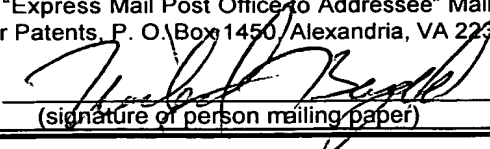


FORM PTO-1590 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Rev 5-93)		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>ZAHFRI P765US</b>
<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES          DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)          CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R.1.5) <b>10/542,716</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/EP2004/000296</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>January 16, 2004</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>January 21, 2003</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>ARRANGEMENT FOR SECURING A SNAP RING</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Josef HAUPT</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: 1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). 4. <input type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date. 5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau. (PCT/IB/308 mailed) c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) is attached. 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). <b>Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:</b> 11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 with PTO/SB/08A/08B. 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> preliminary amendment with redline specification and a <b>clean version of specification</b> . 14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification w/Marked-Up Version of Amended Specification. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Examination Report <input type="checkbox"/> Annexes to Pre. Ex. Rep. <input type="checkbox"/> International Search Report <input type="checkbox"/> German Novelty Search Report <input type="checkbox"/> ___ copies of citations <input type="checkbox"/> Form PCT/IB/308 <input type="checkbox"/> International Publ. No. (Face page only) <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Request <input type="checkbox"/> Submission of Formal Drawings <input type="checkbox"/> ___ sheets of formal drawings <input type="checkbox"/> Abstract <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Applicant Claims Small Entity Status</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Notification of File Missing Parts <input type="checkbox"/> German Language Specification		
<b>CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10</b>		
I hereby certify that this Transmittal Letter and the papers indicated as being transmitted therewith is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date <b>September 21, 2005</b> in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label Number <b>EV 622272554 US</b> addressed to the: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.		
<b>Michael J. BUJOLD</b> (typed or printed name of person mailing paper)		 (signature of person mailing paper)

17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
<b>Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(5):</b> Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$1000.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.492)(a)(1) .. \$750.00 No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.492)(a)(2) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)). ..... \$790.00 Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.492)(a)(3) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO ..... \$1,110.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.492)(a)(4) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$100.00 <b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b>				0	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				0	
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate		
Total Claims	12-20 =	0	x \$ 50.00	0	
Independent Claims	1-3 =	0	x \$200.00	0	
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	0	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				0	
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. <b>Applicant Claims Small Entity Status.</b> (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				0	
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				0	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later the <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				+ 130	
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				130	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				+ 0	
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				130	
				Amount to be: refunded	\$
				charged	\$
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>130.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>04-0213</u> in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>04-0213</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
<b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</b>					
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:					
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>             05 27/2005 LLANDGRA 00000046 10542716              01 FC:1617                      130.00 0P           </div> <div style="text-align: right;">             Michael J. BWOLD -- Registration No. 32,018  <b>CUSTOMER NO. 020210</b>              Davis &amp; Bupld, P.L.L.C.              Fourth Floor              500 North Commercial Street              Manchester, NH 03101-1151              Telephone (603) 624-9220              Telefax (603) 624-9229           </div> </div>					